

## MADISON GARDEN'S BIG TOBACCO SHOW

Promises to Be a Success.  
Everything Is in Readiness  
for Opening.

NEW YORK, August 3.—President William B. Turk has announced the completion of all but the most important details for opening the annual Madison Square Garden on Labor Day, September 24.

This big show, the second of its kind, is being looked forward to with much pleasurable anticipation by the millions of working and business men who have no love for "travels," and who entertain a keen appreciation of the straightforward and open-handed methods of the independent manufacturers and dealers.

The approaching exhibition is novel, and its success is assured from the incredible number of exhibitors who have been secured for their products long before midsummer.

The element of "preparedness," which has been a conspicuous handicap in national and international exhibitions in America and in London, Paris, Dublin and a score of other European cities, is quite out of the question, so far as the Tobacco Exposition is concerned.

The booths, kiosks, bodegas and stalls of the exhibitors have already been made in sections and then "knocked down" for transportation to the Garden, where each one may be erected and the finishing touches put on inside of twenty-four hours, and as the Garden will be open three days prior to the opening of the show, every structure will be complete when the doors are opened to the Labor Day throng of visitors, and there will be so little noise from hammering that even Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, the noise-wrecker herself, would not find just cause for complaint.

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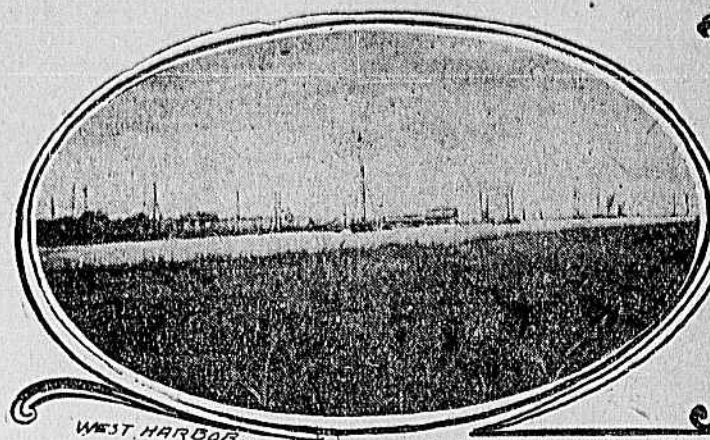
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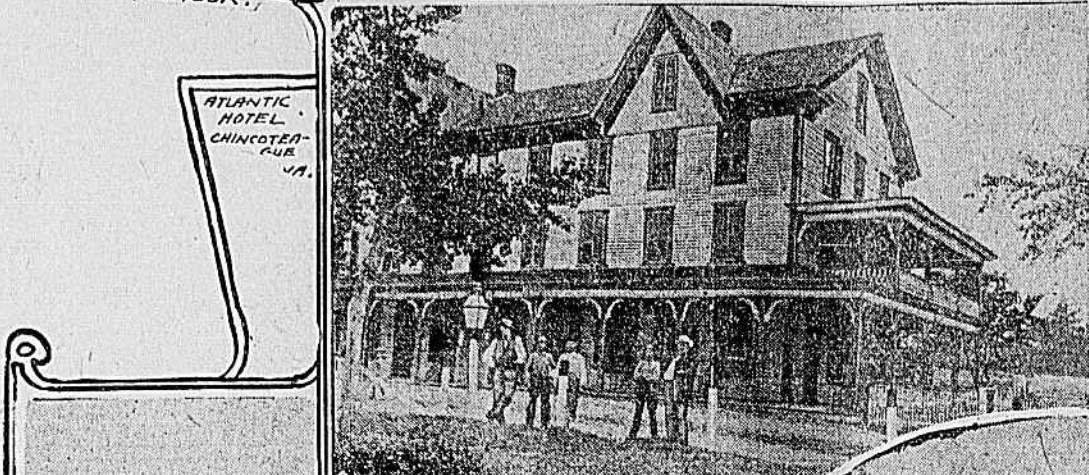
## SCENES OF LIFE ON CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND



WEST HARBOR.



COR. MAIN AND CHURCH STS.



ATLANTIC HOTEL,  
CHINCOTEAGUE,  
VA.



STEAMER CHINCOTEAGUE.



PONY PENNING.

## CHINCOTEAGUE IS A PECULIAR LAND

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citizen of the island. I was the first magistrate and the first notary public ever appointed here. I was deputy collector of customs for this port under Mr. Cleveland's administration.

"Have you always been a Democrat?"

was asked.

"Yes," was the quick reply, "except

when I had to submit to some unpleasant conditions that I did not in-

derse. Even then I was a Democrat at heart, and would have voted the ticket

had there been any to vote."

An Original Methodist.

"What is your religion?"

"I am a Methodist. My father was

the first exhorter of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the island, and I

have always observed my early teachings

along this line.

"No, I was never at school as much

as twelve months in my life. All I

know I gathered from reading, and yet

I have drawn many important legal

papers as magistrate and notary, and

they all stood the test of the courts if

they ultimately get there."

The Island as It Is.

Chincoteague Island proper is over

seven miles long, and the town, though

narrow, is nearly five miles in length.

It has a population, all told, of some-

thing over 3,000, and yet it is not in-

corporated. The highest officer on the

island is a magistrate, but there is

talk of making application to the next

Legislature for a charter, so that there

may be a Mayor and Town Council.

Folk Live Long.

The two oldest native citizens, ac-

cording to Mr. Wheaton, are Kendall

Thornton and Miss Mary Blides, each

aged eighty-two years. Except now

and then, in case of some epidemic, the

longevity of the natives is remarkable,

and the average age seems to have

kept far ahead of that in many other

sections of the State.

The island is inhabited by a

robust, sturdy, ruddy-skinned and God-

fearing people, whose intelligence de-

fines their own rights and bids them

respect those of others.

Wild Horses and Their Habits.

The pony-penning, which took place

here last week is an annual event,

which is awaited with great interest by

the islanders, as well as by many

whose residences are on the shore. The

attendance of Governor and Mrs. Swan-

son made this year's event more than

passing interest, and they tell me that

the crowd was far ahead of those on

former occasions.

These island ponies run wild from

year to year, and feed exclusively on

marsh or sea grass. They know no

fetter, save the blue dome of

heaven, and have to make their way

in the world much in the same manner

as do cattle on the Western prairies.

Once a year they are "rounded up,"

and the young ones branded by their

owners. Some are sold, and those that

are not are again turned loose, running

wild and shifting for themselves until

the next "round up." They are wild

and tough, and live much longer than

other horses. They are usually regard-

ed as treacherous, but it is said that

after they are well broken, many of

them become safe and reliable.

A Great Goose Farm.

Outside of the "pony-penning," the

most remarkable sight I witnessed on

the island was the goose farm of Mr.

Joshua W. Wheaton. This farm is

just on the outskirts of the town, and

embraces hundreds of acres, devoted

exclusively to the raising of geese,

ducks and swan. Here one may find

nearly every species of all three tribes,

and they make a very pretty sight,

gracefully gliding over the various

ponds and lakes that dot the farm here

and there.

Mr. Wheaton commenced the breed-

ing and training of wild geese and

ducks as a mere matter of fancy, but

now the proportions reached have made

the farm a great big paying institu-

tion, and it is operated for profit, as

well as for pleasure. It is a rather ex-

clusive place, and it is necessary to

get a permit in order to enter the

premises of the farm. This is said to

be owing to the fact that nearly all

the fowls are about half wild, and that

strangers are likely to excite the older

ones when caring for their young.

A Millionaire There.

The only man on the Eastern Shore

whose wealth fairly approaches the

million mark is Daniel J. Wheaton,

who resides in the town of Chincote-

ague, and who is a brother of the

goose-farm operator referred to above.

He has recently built on the main

street a handsome dwelling, which cost

him something like \$50,000. Just

across the way is the Wheaton

Grocery Company, which he practically

owns, but Mr. Wheaton has now reach-

ed a point in life where he does not

have so much to look after. He

spends his winters with an only daugh-

ter in Salisbury, Md., and his summers

here, and devotes the greater portion

of his time in both seasons to looking

after his finances. Mr. Wheaton is a

man a little beyond the middle age of

life, and is well preserved. At his resi-

dence, where I had the pleasure of

spending a night by invitation, and

where Governor and Mrs. Swanson were

entertained at lunch on the occasion

of their visit here, Mr. Wheaton is as

democratic and unpretentious as though

he were far from being in the million-

aire class. He is a man of mild man-

ners, and quiet demeanor, but it is said

that few in this section excel him for

fine management and good business

judgment.

Chincoteague is a place well worth

of a visit from those who have not

seen it, and when one has taken in its

unique scenes, they are likely to make

a lasting impression upon the mind.

C. A. B.

Virginia Fruit

IN GERMAN MARKETS

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quent setback and reduction in prices,

and if our growers should send ever

so little infested fruit, there is always

the possibility of an American fruit

being excluded from the best German

markets.

A good step to be taken at the

present time is for the local horticultu-

ral and fruit-growers organizations to